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Applicant's or agent's file reference P03137/S	FOR FURTHER ACTION	see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.
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This international search report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

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1. Basis of the report

- a. With regard to the language, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

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2. ☐ Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box I).

3. ☐ Unity of invention is lacking (See Box II).

4. With regard to the title, ☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.
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6. The figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No. 1

☒ as suggested by the applicant.

☐ None of the figures

☐ because the applicant failed to suggest a figure

☐ because this figure better characterizes the invention

Box III TEXT OF THE ABSTRACT (Continuation of item 5 of the first sheet)**ABSTRACT**

A direct comparison of the antioxidant activities of various pure compounds (eg., Trolox® (6-hydroxy-2,5,7,8-tetramethylchroman-2-carboxylic acid) or ascorbic acid), extracts and biological fluids (eg. human plasma) can be effected by means of a standardisable, objective method of determining and measuring the antioxidative and oxidative radical scavenging activities of natural or synthetic substance, including the measurement of an indicator reaction product gas, ethylene, in the reaction headspace using Selective Ion Flow Tube Mass Spectrometry (SIFT-MS). This method assays ethylene liberated from α -keto- γ -methiolbutyric acid (KMBA) on reaction with peroxy radicals, other radicals or other reactive oxygen species that can oxidise KMBA to ethylene. From the production rate and concentration of the ethylene, the total antioxidant activity of an added analyte in question and its rate of reaction with the oxidative free radicals may be determined.

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTERInt. Cl. ⁷: G01N 27/62, 33/00, 31/00, H01J 49/00.

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

Derwent (WPAT and JAPIO), Chemical abstracts

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
Y	Proceedings of the 49 th ASMS Conference on Mass Spectroscopy and Allied Topics, Chicago, Illinois, May 27-31, 2001, "Real Time in vivo Measurement of VOCs by SIFT-MS", P. F. Wilson <i>et al.</i> (see entire document)	
Y	<i>Medical & Biological Engineering & Computing</i> (1996), 34, 409-419, "Selected ion flow tube: a technique for quantitative trace gas analysis of air and breath", P. Španěl and D. Smith. (see entire document, in particular pages 409- 410 and page 413 column 1))	1-6
Y	<i>Free Radical Biology & Medicine</i> , (1998), 24, (3), 480-493, "A Rapid Gas Chromatographic Assay for Determining Oxyradical Scavenging Capacity of Antioxidants and Biological Fluids", Gary W. Winston <i>et al.</i> (see page 481 column 2, page 482 column 1 to column 2 line 4, page 487 column 2 (Discussion), and page 491 column 2 lines 6-10).	1-6



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Y	<i>Rapid Communications in Mass Spectrometry</i> , (1996), 10, 1183-1198, "The Novel Selected-ion Flow Tube Approach to Trace Gas Analysis of Air and Breath", D. Smith and P. Spanel (see entire document, in particular pages 1183-1184, page 1191 column 2 to page 1192 column 1, Figures 9 and 10 and page 1194)	1-6
A	<i>Redox Report</i> , (2001), 6 (3), 185-187, "Real time analysis of breath volatiles using SIFT-MS in cigarette smoking", S. T. Senthilmohan <i>et al.</i> (see entire document)	1-6